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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed March 23, 2004, transmitted herewith for appropriate action are the following documents:

- 1. Corrected version of "Amendment to the Claims" as filed in the Amendment and Reply Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.111 filed on February 27, 2004;
- 2. Courtesy Copies of Information Disclosure Statement documents listed on 1449 form filed on October 16, 2002; and
- 3. One return postcard.

It is respectfully requested that the attached postcard be stamped with the date of filing of these documents, and that it be returned to our courier. In the event that extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this patent application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned.

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